

Annual Report of the Selectmen

OF THE

TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1871,

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE COLLECTOR AND TREASURER.

STONEHAM:

H. C. GRAY, PRINTER, JOURNAL OFFICE,
1871.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1870.

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND SURVEYORS OF
HIGHWAYS.

JAMES C. CURRIER, DANIEL RUSSELL,
FRANCIS P. WOODBURY.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

DAVID FAIRBANKS.

COLLECTOR.

GEORGE F. BOARDMAN.

ASSESSORS.

DAVID FAIRBANKS, ELBRIDGE GREEN,
JOHN R. JONES.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CHARLES H. ISBURGH, for 2 years,
WILLIAM H. ALLEN, for 1 year,
FRANCIS P. WOODBURY, for 3 years.

AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS.

ELBRIDGE H. GOSS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Melrose:

In accordance with custom, we, as Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Surveyors of Highways, submit to you the following statements, showing the expenditures paid on account of the town during the financial year ending March 1, 1871:

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATION, \$8,200.

<i>Teachers.</i>	<i>Time.</i>	<i>Wages.</i>
R. F. Leighton.	40 weeks,	\$1,910 00
Mary L. Charles.	40 ..	570 00
Lucy W. Bisbee.	40 ..	480 00
Mary M. Howes.	7 ..	84 00
Emma M. Pinkham.	33 ..	396 00
Julia M. Porter.	40 ..	400 00
Jennie L. Crie.	40 ..	400 00
Georgie F. Treadwell.	40 ..	400 00
Faustina L. Noyes.	40 ..	400 00
Chastine Emerson.	40 ..	400 00
Sarah E. Pratt.	40 ..	400 00
Mary M. Gilman.	40 ..	400 00
Emma M. Cate.	40 ..	400 00
Abbie L. Baker.	40 ..	400 00
Annie M. Skinner.	40 ..	400 00
Mary J. McLaughlin.	19 .. Music,	171 00
H. G. Carey.	35	140 00
F. E. Grover.	9	81 00
T. F. Leonard.	Elocution, to Nov. 16, 1870,	105 00

Amount carried forward,

\$7,937 00

Amount brought forward, \$7,937 00

For care of School Rooms.

Charles Howard, to Feb. 10, 1871,	\$325 00	
Joseph & Joseph W. Simonds, to Feb. 17, 1871,	51 50	
Asa Church, to Feb. 17, 1871,	54 62	
Arthur L. Upham, to Feb. 17, 1871,	50 00	
Peter Cunningham, for one year.	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$731 12

For Fuel.

George Lynde's bills for coal, spring 1870,	\$60 50	
Wm. G. Dearborn's bill for 57 tons coal,	470 25	
Charles Barrett, for moving coal,	4 50	
S. E. Benson, for coal, 1870,	22 00	
	<hr/>	\$557 25

School Committee.

Wm. H. Allen, for services in 1869,	\$50 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 00
Total bills approved,		\$9,275 37
Cr. By town appropriation, \$8,200 00		
received from State School Fund,	272 18	
balance due fund, March, 1870,	761 91	
	<hr/>	\$9,234 09
Fund now in debt,		<hr/> \$41 28

Besides the amounts due the School Committee for their services for the year, and the "Drill" and "Drawing" teachers.

Repairing School Houses and School Incidentals.

APPROPRIATION, \$2,500.

Sundry bills, on High School house, in 1869, on pump, piers, privies, keys, sash lines, etc.,	\$290 38
Bill on Green street house "forms" in 1869,	13 50
Balance of bill furniture High School, "	704 07
Sundry bills for stock, nails, labor. shingling, laying new floors, painting roofs, mason work, resetting glass. etc., in school-houses in 1870,	833 76
Sundry bills for drain, wheelbarrow, awnings. shades. etc., High School House,	102 93
Bills for new stoves, pipe, etc.,	274 95
Printing reports 1870, and for school examinations,	146 67
Books, ink, crayons, medals, etc., for schools,	122 01
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Expenditures,	\$2,488 27
Fund in debt March, 1870,	34 40
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	\$2,522 67
Town's appropriation,	2,500 00
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Fund now in debt,	\$22 67

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

APPROPRIATIONS, \$800 AND \$500.

BILLS APPROVED MAY 1, 1870 TO MARCH 7, 1871.

Paid 4 engineers for services one year to May 1, 1870,	\$40 00
“ 40 members “ “ “	400 00
“ steward “ one quarter “	10 00
“ “ “ two quarters Nov. 1, 1870,	20 00
“ wood and coal to March 1, 1871,	13 37
“ gas bills from Oct. 1, 1869, to Jan. 1, 1871,	64 85
“ sundry bills for refreshments,	157 61
“ “ repairs on hose, engine, &c.,	165 94
“ James Boyd & Sons, for 303 feet 2½ inch leather hose and connections,	448 35
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	\$1,320 12
Credit by town's appropriation as above,	1,300 00
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Expended more than the appropriations,	20 12
Fund in debt March, 1870,	168 14
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Now in debt,	\$188 26

\$500.00 was appropriated for painting the engine house, and the purchase of new hose, but the hose cost more than was estimated, therefore the house still needs painting. The engineers report that the engine and apparatus are in good working condition, but that there is need of about 600 feet of leading hose to use the hydrants to advantage. There have been ten fires in the town during the past year, the result of which is well known.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

APPROPRIATION, \$2,000.

BILLS APPROVED FROM APRIL 6, 1870, TO MARCH 7, 1871.

City of Charlestown, board and clothing Maria E. Waitt, Jan. 1, 1870, to Jan. 1, 1871,	\$76 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board and clothing of Mrs. Abigail Thomas, 12 months to Jan. 1, 1871,	182 50
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board and other expenses, of Mrs. Clark, Jan. 18, to July 2, 1870,	86 20
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, care and burial charges of Reuben F. Haley, Jan. 21, to July 18, 1870,	102 00
Paid storage and express on sundry assets,	4 00
	<hr/> 106 00
Credit by debt collected of C. M. Hanson,	83 80
	<hr/> 22 20
Town of Stoughton, for supplies to H. P. Hollis and family, Feb. 1, 1869, to Feb. 1, 1870,	111 00
Town of Stoughton, for supplies to H. P. Hollis and family, Feb. 1, 1870, to Feb. 1, 1871,	71 94
Town of Woburn, for supplies to L. W. Harris and family, March 1, 1870, to March 1, 1871,	250 20
City of Chelsea, for aid to Mrs. F. C. Krants,	2 25
City of Boston, aid to Mrs. Lizzie B. Baldwin, from Dec. 1, 1869, to Jan. 1, 1871,	49 25
City of Boston, for aid to Mark Shannon, 1870,	6 00
Moses Kimball, for care of Widow and 4 children of C. G. Howard, 52 weeks to March 1, 1871,	521 40

Poor in the Town.

Paid board, clothing, &c., of Miss Abigail Connor, Feb. 24, 1870, to March 1, 1871,	165 20
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,544 14

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,544 14
Paid rent for Widow Adams and family from Feb. 1, 1870, to March 1, 1871, 13 months,	135 46
“ rent for Mrs. Fobes and family, from Feb. 1, 1870, to Feb. 1, 1871, 12 months,	72 00
“ rent for Mrs. Craits from Aug. 21, 1870, to March 1, 1871, 6½ months,	76 00
“ fuel and supplies, Widow Sullivan and chil- dren, from March 1870, to March 1871,	37 25
“ fuel and supplies, Widow Higgins and chil- dren, from March 1870, to March 1871,	39 62
“ fuel and supplies, Widow O’Brine and chil- dren, from March 1870, to March 1871.	5 50
“ fuel and supplies J. Q. A. Avery,	88 21
“ fuel to John E. Varnum,	6 00
“ supplies to Charles Howard,	16 00
“ board, lodging and tickets for travelling paupers, March 1870, to March 1871,	86 20
“ for sundries for poor Thanksgiving dinner,	20 85
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For town’s poor and others having no settlement,	\$2,127 23
Paid for aid to Mr. Hart and Mrs. Floyd for town of Malden,	\$36 51
Paid for aid Mrs. Thompson, for Malden.	161 28
“ “ R. Barter, State Pauper.	84 58
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	279 37
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Total amount paid.	\$2,406 60
Cr. By received of town of Malden Hart and Floyd,	\$36 51
By received of Malden on acct. of Mrs. Thompson,	108 03
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	\$144 54
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	\$2,262 06
By town’s appropriation for the year,	\$2,000 00
“ balance in favor of fund March, 1870,	638 13
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	\$2,638 13
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Balance now in favor of fund,	\$376 07

Bills against town of Malden, demanded—

Balance on account of Mrs. Thompson,	\$163 61	
For aid to Waitt family,	132 00	
For aid to R. Barter, claimed of State,	81 58	
		<hr/> \$377 19

No bills against the town have been presented, except some from Lynn, for aid to the "Peabodys," and Charles L. Davis, which have not been adjusted and paid.

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, AND DRAINAGE.

APPROPRIATION, \$2,800, AND \$300.

BILLS APPROVED FROM APRIL 6, 1870, TO MARCH 7, 1871.

For cleaning sidewalks and streets of snow,	
March, 1870,	\$130 30
J. E. Westgate, for gravel and labor in 1869,	103 00
Wm. F. Serrat, for labor on Lynde street in 1869,	5 15
John Norton, laying wall on Swain's Pond avenue,	19 00
P. R. Ellis & Co., for 284 days' labor, men and	
teams, at \$2 00,	568 00
P. R. Ellis & Co., 7½ days stone mason, at \$3 00,	22 50
" 7½ days tender, at \$2 50,	18 75
" stone for culvert,	70 75
" 457 loads gravel, 5c.,	22 85
" 107 loads of J. G. Emerson, 15c.,	16 05
" building culvert Ashland street,	200 00
" " " near Otis street,	27 00
H. C. Richardson, for 183¾ days labor and team.	357 50
Day & Collins, 350 feet drain pipe,	116 06
Sundry bills, labor on culverts, stone, etc.,	103 32
Sundry bills, labor on roads, railing, iron work, etc.,	88 67
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,868 90

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,868 90
Express for drain pipe from Boston,	41 15
For clearing sidewalks, etc., of snow in 1871,	46 25
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Amount expended,	\$1,956 30
To balance against fund, March, 1870,	604 34
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Total,	\$2,560 64

Cr. By town's appropriation for high-		
ways,	\$2,800 00	
By town's appropriation for drain-		
age,	300 00	
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Balance now in favor of fund,		\$539 36

Malden Bridge.

County Commissioners assessed for 1870,	\$560 00
(Assessors added the amount to the appropriations.)	

Swain's Pond Avenue.

Expended in 1869, as per report,	\$1,679 50
Town's appropriation in 1869,	1,200 00
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Deficiency,	\$479 50
Nelson Cochran's bill for labor in 1870, he paid for.	324 00
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	\$803 50
Town's appropriation in 1870,	800 00
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Excess,	\$3 50

STREET LIGHTS.

APPROPRIATION FOR LIGHTING, \$1,000.

Bills approved from April 6, 1870, to March 7, 1871.

H. C. Richardson, for lighting from March 1, 1870, to March 1, 1871, and finding oil for oil lamps, at 90 cents per lamp each month,	\$500 50
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co., for gas from Jan. 1, 1870, to Jan. 1, 1871,	551 70
J. A. Worthen & Co., for lamps, chimneys, &c.,	12 60
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Amount expended,	\$1,064 80
Credit by town's appropriation,	1,000 00
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Expended over the appropriation,	64 80
Balance against fund, March, 1870,	333 11
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.. now against fund,	\$397 91

In consequence of the trenches being open for laying the water pipes during the time the lights were to be discontinued, as per vote of the town, it was deemed dangerous to the safety of the public to adhere to the vote. There are now 32 gas and 22 oil lamps. The addition of more lights every year, causes an increase of expense for gas and oil and lighting, which should be considered when making appropriation therefor. The gas company's bills have not been satisfactory the past year, but no redress could be obtained. For instance, from Oct. 1, 1869, to Jan. 1, 1870, 20 lights cost for gas, at the rate of \$6.35 per light, and for 31 lights for the same time the past year \$9.18 per light. The same person had the care of lighting them, and says that there was no material difference in the time they were burning. At the rate charged for gas, the use of oil would be much cheaper.

WYOMING CEMETERY.

Cash rec'd for 17½ lots sold during the year.	\$532 00
“ “ grass sold,	15 00
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	\$547 00
Paid Nath. Howard for his and others' labor,	\$151 91
“ Treasurer for making 18 deeds and for acknowledging,	9 00
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	\$160 91

TOWN CLOCK.

APPROPRIATION, \$550.

Paid Howard Watch & Clock Co. for clock warranted for 5 years,	\$550 00
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WIDENING EMERSON AND VINTON STREETS,

Authorized by vote of the town Nov. 1870, and Treasurer to borrow money.

Paid P. R. Ellis & Co., bills to March 1, 1871,	
blasting ledge and other labor,	\$717 75
“ John Pearce, for 25 days' labor,	43 75
“ John Bryson, “ 9 “	15 75
“ Jos. D. Wilde for land damage, as per vote,	100 00
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Borrowed from the treasury,	\$877 25

It is estimated that the total cost, when finished, will amount to \$1,000. For which an appropriation should be made.

WATER COMMISSIONERS' CONTINGENT.

APPROPRIATION, \$650.

Paid bill for town's proportion of the franchise of the Spot Pond Water Co.,	\$252 50
“ bill Blank Water Fund Bonds,	74 00
“ “ for stamps, books, printing, &c.,	46 95
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	373 45
Town appropriation,	650 00
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To fund credit,	\$276 55

SUNDRY EXPENDITURES.

NOT SPECIALLY PROVIDED FOR.

Paid bills for new safe, and putting in room,	\$440 00
Less received for old one, damaged by fire,	41 00
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	\$399 00

Sheriff's Jury, Kimball vs. Town.

Verdict of jury,	\$62 50
Clerk's bill of costs,	170 16
Attorneys' fees,	60 00
Officers' and witnesses' fees,	42 70
Providing refreshments,	18 50
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	353 86
Geo. N. Noyes vs. Town (compromised),	250 00
Water Commissioners' bill for service pipe to school-houses,	251 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company's bills,*	178 20
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Total,	\$1,432 06

For which appropriations should be made.

[*For extra gas consumed during the night in the vicinity of the open trenches for the water pipes, your Selectmen

ordered the Treasurer to pay the bills, presuming that the Water Commissioners had ordered the lighting of the lamps, and that the contractor would refund the amount, but he refuses to do so. There is no doubt that the lighting was done by some one, thereby making the town liable, but by whom or whose order we have not been able to find out. The bill describes that thirty-one lights burnt $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours each for thirty-one nights, from 8 o'clock P. M., to $3\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock A. M.]

STATE AID.

NO APPROPRIATION.

Paid monthly, from March 1, 1870, to March 1, 1871.

Mrs. Krants, for 13 months prior to June 1, 1868,		\$52 00
Samuel Sprague, wife and son, 12 months,		164 00
Mary V. Brown and child,	10 "	80 00
Sarah E. Stephens and child.	12 "	96 00
Horace E. Morse,	12 "	48 00
Roswell W. Chandler,	12 "	72 00
William Story,	12 "	76 00
Sarah Barrett,	12 "	48 00
Mary F. Howard,	12 "	48 00
Luzon Weeks,	3 "	18 00
Joseph S. Eastman,	12 "	72 00
Elizabeth W. Morse,	4 "	32 00
Horace W. Cushman.	7 "	42 00

Borrowed from the treasury, \$848 00
 (\$52 00 of the above was a debt of the town.)

The account with the State stands as follows :

Amount kept back on yearly accounts from 1864	
to 1867 inclusive, past due, is	\$984 54
Amount payable Dec. 1, 1871,	810 00
Amount payable Dec. 1, 1872,	128 00
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	\$1,922 54

MISCELLANEOUS AND OTHER EXPENSES UNDER HEAD OF CONTINGENTS.

APPROPRIATION \$2,000.

Bills approved from April 6, 1870, to March 7, 1871.

Lamkin & Heath, for gas in rooms to April 1, 1870,	\$40 00
“ “ for rent from Jan. 1 to Aug. 20, 1870,	158 94
Lessees of Concert Hall, for rent from Aug. 23, 1870, to March 1, 1871,	72 20
D. H. Walker, for making road scraper, &c.,	27 95
Nelson Cochran, for cash paid for sundries and for services as committee on Swain's Pond avenue,	23 50
Benj. C. Hale, as committee on same,	6 75
Geo. F. Boardman, “ “	11 50
Geo. F. Morgan, looking up mortgages,	28 74
Thomas McCoubry, iron work on sundries,	26 19
Malden Steam Engine Co., for services,	100 00
J. N. Tufts and L. B. Wilkinson, of Malden, for cleaning hose and engine after returning from fires in Melrose,	76 00
G. W. Bartlett, for horses and carriages for fires in 1869,	9 50
G. W. Bartlett, for horses and carriages for fires in 1870,	11 00
F. A. Biathrow, moving Grundy engine in 1870,	2 50
H. C. Richardson, horse to Stoneham to fire, Aug., 1870,	1 50
J. W. Buttrick, hauling engines, etc., to fires in 1870,	26 50
P. R. Ellis & Co., “ “ “ “ 1870,	21 30
State Sealer, for repairs on weights and measures and new case for do.,	83 00
Independent Ins. Co., for extra insurance on above,	4 55
Sundry bills for expenses “ Memorial Day,”	196 50
Nathaniel Howard, return of 42 deaths,	4 20
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$932 32</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$932 32
David Fairbanks, recording and reporting to State 49 deaths, 58 births, 38 marriages,	30 70
David Fairbanks, for 23 permits for removal of dead bodies,	3 83
Sundry bills for fitting up rooms for Selectmen in Concert Hall,	21 14
Sundry bills on town pump, fuel for Selectmen's room, expressage, setting glass, etc.,	45 84
	<hr/> \$1,033 83

PRINTING AND STATIONARY.

J. McIntire, printing 600 annual reports, March, 1870,	\$95 42
“ “ posters, blanks, etc.,	12 00
L. B. Welch, “ billiard room licenses, etc.,	10 00
A. W. Haskell, “ tax bills, book, warrant, etc.,	34 75
David Fairbanks, preparing annual report for printing, March, 1870,	30 00
Sundry bills for postage, ink, paper, books, etc., for Selectmen, Clerk, and Assessors,	14 37
	<hr/> \$196 54

CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

A. B. Pierce, as constable, distributing warrants for and attendance on 4 town meetings,	\$43 00
“ “ for services as police for the year,	37 00
Wm. N. Tyler, “ “ “	53 65
H. B. Newhall, “ “ “	25 00
P. R. Waite, “ “ March, 1870.	33 00
Sundry bills for lockup keys, handcuffs, etc.,	9 90
	<hr/> \$201 55
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$2,364 24

Amount brought forward,

\$2,364 24

NEW STREET LAMPS.

AS PER VOTE AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Bills for 9 iron lamp posts at \$18 00 each,	\$162 00
“ 9 lanterns and frames at \$8 50 each.	76 50
Sundry bills for putting up, connecting, etc.,	65 90
Express teaming posts and lanterns,	8 95
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	\$313 35

TOWN OFFICERS.

E. H. Goss, as Auditor, March, 1870.	\$15 00
J. R. Jones, as Assessor, 1870,	180 00
Elbridge Green, “ “	150 00
David Fairbanks, “ “	175 00
J. C. Currier, as chairman of Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, and Surveyor of highways,	250 00
Daniel Russell, as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, and Surveyor of highways,	150 00
Francis P. Woodbury, as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, and Surveyor of highways,	150 00
David Fairbanks, clerk at meetings and recording warrants and action thereon,	30 00
“ clerk for Selectmen making State Aid, Street, and other reports, recording the same, and care of rooms,	170 00
“ expense and time to other places on town business,	10 00
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	\$1,280 00
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Total as contingents,	\$3,025 27

Cr. By collected of Insurance Co., for			
damage by fire on weights, meas-			
ures and case as per bills,	\$83 00		
" received for old iron sold,	1 35		
" " school books sold,	10 28		
" " billiard saloon license,	15 00		
" " 3 auctioneers' licenses,	6 00		
" town appropriation, 1870,	2,000 00		
" balance in favor of fund, March,			
1870,	1,105 22		
			3,220 85
Now in favor of fund,			\$195 58

AGGREGATE OF EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS AND PRESENT STANDING OF ACCOUNTS.

	<i>Expenditures.</i>	<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
For schools,	\$9,275 37	\$272 18	\$41 28	
" school contingent,	2,488 27		22 67	
" fire department,	1,320 12		188 26	
" support of poor,	2,490 40	228 34		\$376 07
" street lights,	1,064 80		397 91	
" highways, etc.,	1,956 30			549 36
" water contingent,	373 45			276 55
" Malden bridge,	560 00			
" town clock,	550 00			
" wid'g Emerson & Vinton sts.,	877 25		877 25	
" Wyoming cemetery,	160 91	547 00		1,715 85
" new safe,	440 00	41 00	399 00	
" Kimball vs. Town,	353 86		355 86	
" Geo. N. Noyes vs. Town,	250 00		250 00	
" water to school-houses,	251 00		251 00	
" extra gas bills,	178 20		178 20	
" State aid,	848 00	1,111 71		1,922 54
" Swain's Pond avenue,	324 00		3 20	
" contingent fund,	3,025 27	115 63		195 58
Total expenditures,	\$26,787 20			
Receipts,		\$2,315 86		
Balances due from and to accounts,			\$2,962 63	\$5,025 94
Amount required to refund to the accounts,				\$2,962 63
Of this amount there will probably be collected from the				
State,			\$1,200 00	
Malden should pay			293 63	
				1,493 63
Leaving to be provided for,				\$1,469 00

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :—

For schools,	\$10,000 00
“ school contingents, repairs, etc.,	2,500 00
“ highways,	3,000 00
“ drainage,	500 00
“ support of the poor,	2,500 00
“ fire department, leading hose, and painting engine house,	900 00
“ lighting street lights and expenses,	1,200 00
“ Memorial Day expenses,	200 00
“ deficiency in accounts,	1,470 00
“ further expense of Emerson and Vinton streets,	150 00
“ contingents,	3,000 00
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	\$25,420 00

And for such sum as may be assessed upon the town for maintenance of Malden Bridge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. CURRIER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
DANIEL RUSSELL,	
F. P. WOODBURY,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Melrose.</i>

MELROSE, March 14, 1871.

I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correct and properly vouched.

E. H. GOSS, *Auditor.*

MELROSE, March 15, 1871.

DR. GEORGE F. BOARDMAN, COLLECTOR, FOR

1870, March 12.	To taxes for 1868, uncollected this date,	\$298 40
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1871, March 18.	To interest received on am't collected since March, 1870,	12 77
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1871, March 18.	Uncollected taxes to new account,	\$311 17
	\$207 12	

1870, March 12.	To taxes for 1869, uncollected this day,	\$4,112 66
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1871, March 18.	To interest on amount collect- ed since March, 1870,	172 06
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\$4,284 72

1871, March 18.	Uncollected taxes to new account,	\$839 04
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1870, August.	To taxes for 1870, as per war- rant,	\$41,424 10
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1871, March 18.	To interest collected Nov. 1, 1870, to date,	49 81
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\$41,473 91

1871, March 18.	Uncollected taxes to new account,	\$4,694 88
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1871, March 18.	Total uncollected 1868, 1869 and 1870,	5,741 04
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GEORGE F. BOARDMAN, *Collector.*

MELROSE, March 18, 1871.

1868, 1869, 1870, IN ACCT. WITH TOWN.	CR.
1871, March 18. By abatement since March 12, 1870,	\$2 41
1871, March 18. Taxes uncollected this date of 1868,	207 12
1871, March 18. Commission collecting since March, 1870,	51
1871, March 18. Cash paid Treasurer to balance,	101 13
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	\$311 17
1871, March 18. By taxes of 1870 uncollected this date,	\$839 04
1871, March 18. By commission for collecting taxes of 1869 to date,	440 38
1871, March 18. By cash paid treasurer at times,	3,005 30
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	\$4,284 72
1871, March 18. By abatements authorized by Assessors to date,	\$598 14
1871, March 18. By discounts on payments be- fore Nov. 1, 1870,	1,789 73
1871, March 18. By cash paid to Treasurer at times,	34,391 16
1871, March 18. Uncollected taxes this date for 1870,	4,694 88
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	\$41,473 91
1871, March 18. Treasurer to account for	\$37,497 59.

Collector's books have been examined by me, and made to compare with this account.

DAVID FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

MELROSE, March 18, 1871.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Melrose:

Your Treasurer submits the following Report of the payments from and the receipts into the treasury during the past year, and also of the present financial standing of the town:

INTEREST AND DISCOUNT.

Paid 12 months interest on note of June 12, 1858,	\$500 00	\$30 00
" 6 " coupons on town bonds of Dec. 1, 1861,	25,000 00	687 50
" 12 " interest on note of April 29, 1861,	1,000 00	60 00
" 12 " " " July 26, 1861,	1,000 00	60 00
" 12 " " " Dec. 8, 1862,	5,000 00	300 00
" 12 " " " June 1, 1864,	4,000 00	240 00
" 12 " " " July 2, 1864,	2,000 00	120 00
" 12 " " " Dec. 1, 1864,	1,200 00	72 00
" 12 " " " Feb. 13, 1865,	100 00	6 00
" 2 " " " Aug. 19, 1865, (note p'd)	1,100 00	11 00
" 12 " " " Sept. 7, 1865,	20,000 00	1,200 00
" 6 " " " " 12, 1865,	3,000 00	90 00
" 12 " " " July 11, 1868,	1,000 00	60 00
" 12 " " " Oct. 15, 1868,	5,000 00	300 00
" 12 " " " Oct. 15, 1868,	5,000 00	300 00
" 12 " " " Oct. 15, 1868,	5,000 00	300 00
" 12 " " " Oct. 15, 1868,	5,000 00	300 00
" 6 " " " June 1, 1870,	12,500 00	437 50
" 6 " " " June 1, 1870,	12,500 00	437 50
Total on outstanding debts,		\$3,011 50
" 4 mos. 25 days on note of April 26, 1870,	\$5,000 00	120 83
" 2 " 10 " " June 21, 1870,	1,000 00	11 67
" 2 " 10 " " July 9, 1870,	2,500 00	29 17
" 7 " 12 " " July 26, 1870,	3,000 00	111 00
Total interest paid,		\$5,284 17
Credit by discount for prepayment county tax,	\$36 43	
" " " state "	67 12	
" interest on taxes, 1868 and 1869,	184 83	
" " " 1870,	49 81	338 19
Net interest,		\$4,945 98
" balance of fund March, 1870,	\$1,285 52	
" town's appropriation for 1870,	5,000 00	6,285 52
Balance now in favor of fund,		\$1,339 54

\$5,224 00 will be required to pay the accruing interest on the town debt the coming year, \$6,000 00 on the water fund bonds, and also for such temporary loans as may be required for the use of the town during the year.

NOTES PAYABLE. TOWN DEBT.

1870.

March 1.	Outstanding notes and bonds this day,	\$84,900 00
April 19.	Paid note to Aaron Green dated Aug. 19, 1865,	\$1,100 00
June 1.	Paid town bonds issued Dec. 1, 1860,	25,000 00
"	Issued 2 notes for \$12,500 00 each payable Dec. 1, 1880,	25,000 00
Sept. 12.	Paid note to Tim. Fletcher dated Sept. 12, 1865,	3,000 00
Total,		\$109,900 00
Amount paid,		29,100 00
Outstanding notes.	Standing loan,	\$80,800 00

Temporary Loan.

1870.

April 26.	Treasurer's note to Daniel Russell on call,	\$5,000 00
June 21.	" " " "	1,000 00
July 9.	" " " "	2,500 00
" 26.	" " Charles H. Isburgh "	3,000 00
Total,		\$11,500 00

Aug. 31.	Paid note of July 21,	\$1,000 00
Sept. 19.	" " April 26.	5,000 00
"	" " July 9,	2,500 00

1871.

March 8.	" on " " 26.	1,000 00	9,500 00
"	Due on note July 26,		\$2,000 00

In April last, notice was received from the holder of the town bonds, that payment of the interest coming due June 1, and the interest and principal due Dec. 1, would be payable

in gold. A correspondence, followed by personal interviews, resulted in the bonds with one coupon attached being taken up June 1, the coupon then due paid in currency, and the issue of two notes of \$12,500.00 each, payable Dec. 1, 1880, with semi-annual interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum. If the bonds had been left to mature and paid in gold, the premium would have been \$2,967.19, which being saved, reduces the interest on the new loan to 5 8-10 per cent per annum for the 10½ years, though nominally 7 per cent.

MELROSE WATER FUND BONDS.

1870.

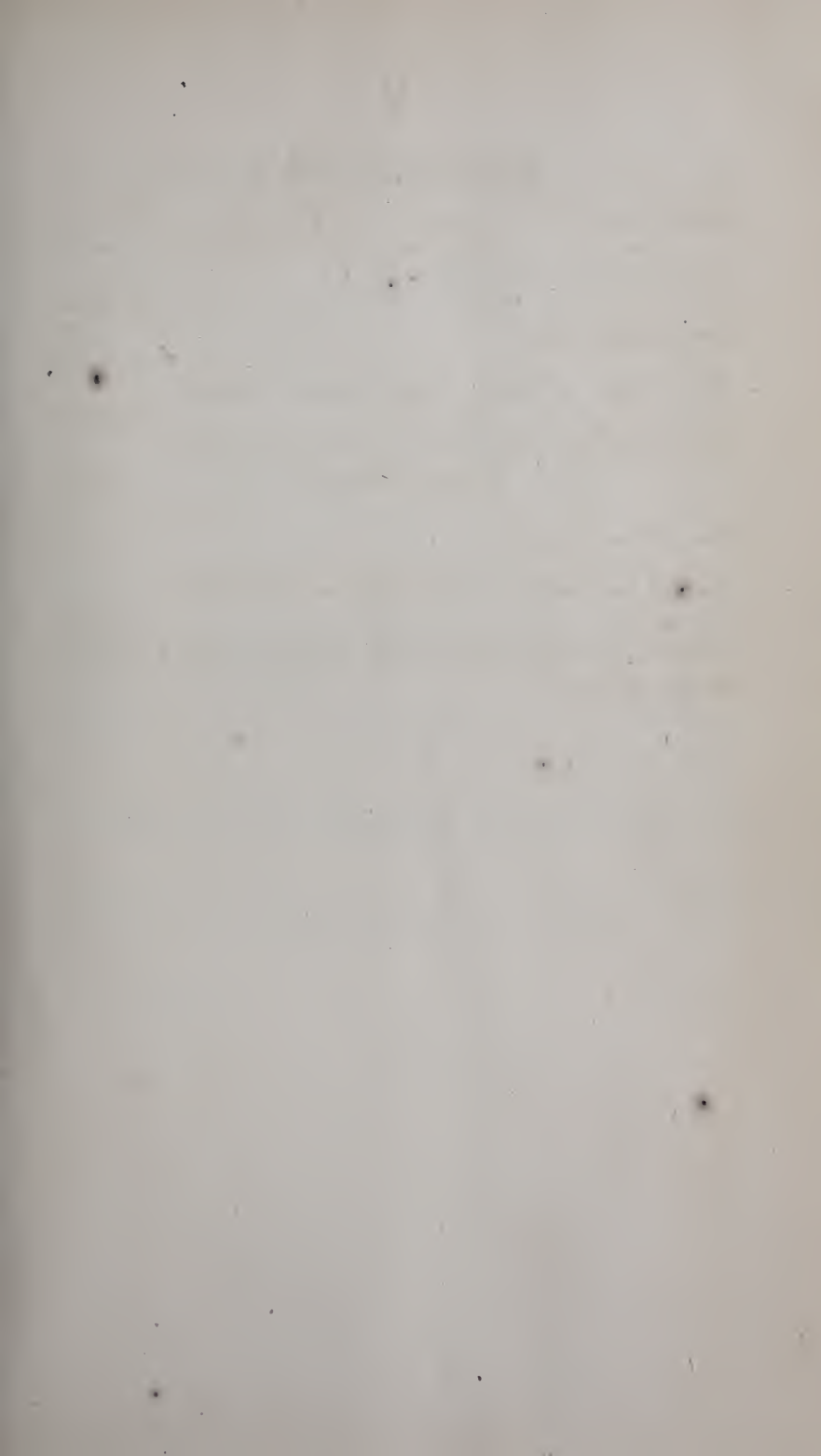
July 12.	Issued by order of the Water Commissioners, 50 town bonds of \$1,000.00 each, dated July 1, 1870, payable July 1, 1890 with semi-annual coupons attached at the rate of 6 per cent per annum,	\$50,000 00
Dec. 2.	Issued by said order, 50 town bonds of same tenor and date, with same coupons attached,	50,000 00
Total bonds,		<u>\$100,000 00</u>

1871.

Jan. 2.	To paid coupons payable Jan. 1,	\$3,000 00
" 31.	By received of Jeremiah Martin on account,	1,055 12
Due from water fund,		<u>\$1,944 88</u>

REGISTRY OF DOGS.

For the year 1870, 161 males, at \$2 00 each,	\$322 00
12 females, at \$5 00 each.	60 00
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173	\$382 00
Town Clerk's fees,	34 60
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1870. Dec. 2. Town Clerk paid to County Treasurer,	\$347 40
1871. Feb. 23. Treasurer received from the County Treasurer,	291 82
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Retained for damages,	\$55 58
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Amount received by the Treasurer for 1869 and 1870,	\$624 85
Which by State Law must be used for town Library or school purposes.	



DR. DAVID FAIRBANKS, TREASURER, IN

FROM MARCH 12, 1870,

To cash in treasury, March 12, 1870,	\$1,131 88
“ received of State Treasurer, balance corporation tax, 1869,	491 69
“ “ “ “ corporation tax for 1870,	1,412 16
“ “ County Treasurer, on account of dog tax,	291 82
“ “ State Treasurer, school fund,	272 18
“ “ “ “ disc. on State tax (prepayment),	67 12
“ “ County Treasurer, on county tax	36 43
“ “ Malden, for supplies to poor,	144 54
“ “ account of R. F. Haley,	83 80
“ “ for lots and grass, Wyoming Cemetery, sold,	547 00
“ “ old safe, damaged by fire,	41 00
“ “ of State Treasurer, on account of State aid,	1,111 71
“ “ for old iron of stove damaged by fire,	1 35
“ “ of insurance on case of weights and measures,	83 00
“ “ for license of billiard room,	15 00
“ “ “ “ three auctioneers,	6 00
“ “ school books sold,	10 28
“ “ taxes of 1868 and 1869,	2,921 60
“ “ interest on the same,	184 83
“ “ taxes of 1870,	34,341 35
“ “ interest on the same,	49 81
“ “ of Water Commissioners, on account,	1,055 12
“ “ for Treasurer's notes, for 10½ yrs. “standing loan,”	25,000 00
“ “ “ “ temporary loan,	11,500 00
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	\$80,799 67

The accounts of the Town Treasurer have been examined in detail by the undersigned, and found to be correct and properly vouched.

E. H. GOSS, *Auditor.*

MELROSE, March 18, 1871.

ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE. CR.

TO MARCH 14, 1871.

By cash paid for school teachers, janitors and fuel,	\$9,225 37
“ “ “ committee, Wm. H. Allen, in 1869,	50 00
“ “ “ incidentals and repairs,	2,488 27
“ “ fire department,	1,320 12
“ “ support of poor,	2,490 40
“ “ lighting street lamps,	1,064 80
“ “ highways and drainage,	1,956 30
“ “ water contingent,	373 45
“ “ Malden bridge,	560 00
“ “ town clock,	550 00
“ “ widening Emerson and Vinton streets,	877 25
“ “ Wyoming cemetery,	160 91
“ “ new safe,	440 00
“ “ Kimball vs. Town,	353 86
“ “ Geo. N. Noyes vs. Town,	250 00
“ “ water pipe to school-houses,	251 00
“ “ extra gas bills,	178 20
“ “ State aid,	848 00
“ “ Swain's Pond avenue,	324 00
“ “ contingents, miscellaneous,	1,033 83
“ “ printing and stationery,	196 54
“ “ constables and police,	201 55
“ “ new street lamps,	313 35
“ “ town officers,	1,280 00
“ “ interest on standing loans,	5,011 50
“ “ Treasurer's notes of standing loan,	4,100 00
“ “ Treasurer's notes, temporary loan,	9,500 00
“ “ interest on temporary loan,	272 67
“ “ State tax, 1870,	4,475 00
“ “ County tax, 1870,	1,821 77
“ “ 6 months coupons to Jan. 1, 1871, on \$100,000, Mel- rose water fund bonds,	3,000 00
“ “ 25 town bonds of \$1,000 each,	25,000 00
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	\$79,968 14
1871, March 18. By Treasurer's services, keeping accounts and receiving and paying \$160,767 18, at $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 per cent.,	200 96
1871, March 18. By cash in treasury to balance,	630 57
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	\$80,799 67

E. and O. excepted.

DAVID FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

The present standing of the town (exclusive of the "Melrose Water Fund Bonds" of \$100,000.00) is as follows :

Treasurer's notes. "Standing loan."	\$80,800 00
" " Temporary "	2,000 00
Due from Treasury on account "Dog licenses,"	624 85
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	\$83,424 85

Less amount against State. State aid, \$1,922 54	
" " " " paupers, 81 58	
" " Town of Malden, 295 61	
" due from Melrose water fund, 1,944 88	
" uncollected taxes estimated, 5,300 00	
" cash in Treasury, 630 57	10,175 18
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Net debt,	\$73,249 67
" March, 1870.	76,548 26
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Decrease in the year,,	\$3,298 59
Town appropriation,	3,000 00
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	\$298 59
Add sundry expenses not provided for.	1,432 06
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Net gain in the year over the appropriation.	\$1,730 65
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It will be perceived that there is only \$5.27 in the Treasury exclusive of the amount returned from the County Treasurer on account of "dog licenses." You will also notice the large amount of "uncollected taxes," much of which should have been collected and paid in. The Collector attributes the non-payment to the rate of interest after Nov. 1, being only at the rate of 8 per cent. The warrant required him to collect all on or before the 1st of February. The Treasurer expected that there would have been enough, at least, to enable him to pay the \$2,000.00 still due on the temporary loan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

MELROSE, March 18, 1871.

STATISTICS, VALUATION, ETC., MAY 1, 1870.

Number of inhabitants, assessors' list,		3,181
" children from 5 to 15 years of age,		642
" polls,		850
Real estate. Residents,	\$1,763,124 00	
" Non-residents	343,202 00	
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Personal estate and incomes. Resi-		
dents,	\$519,633 00	
" Non-residents,	4,300 00	
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Total town appropriations,	\$33,716 00	
State tax,	4,475 00	
County tax,	1,821 77	
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Total amount of tax including overlay,		41,422 99
Per cent., \$1.50 per \$100.00.		
Number of dwelling-houses,	(gain 39)	629
" horses,	(gain 34)	177
" cows,	(loss 3)	148
Territory estimated. Acres,		2,654

 REGISTRY OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.
 IN 1870.

Whole number of marriages,		38
Males resident in the town,	24	
Females " " "	25	
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Both parties American,	25	
Mixed, American and foreign,	9	
Foreign,	4	
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First marriage,	65	
Second marriage,	11	
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Intentions of marriage—Number of couples,		36
Whole number of births, (1 pair twins)		58
Males,	30	
Females,	28	
	—	58
American fathers 46, foreign fathers 11,		57
“ mothers 40, “ mothers 17,		57
Whole number of deaths, males 18, females 31,		49
Married males, aged 37 to 82,	7	
“ females, “ 23 to 76,	15	
Widowers, “ 50 to 84,	4	
Widows, “ 21 to 85,	6	
Males unmarried, “ 25 and 38,	2	
Females “ “ 23 and 28,	2	
“ 15 years and under,	7	
“ still born,	1	
Males 13 years and under,	4	
“ still born,	1	
	—	49
Recapitulation. 15 years and under,	13	
between 20 and 30,	10	
“ 30 “ 40,	4	
“ 40 “ 50,	4	
“ 50 “ 60,	4	
“ 60 “ 70,	7	
“ 70 “ 80,	4	
“ 80 “ 86,	3	
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DAVID FAIRBANKS, *Town Clerk.*